

**In the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract, appearing at the bottom of the Page 1, with the following amended Abstract:

A cuff (5) for medical applications, which ~~that~~ may be sewn, glued or frictionally fitted in place. ~~The~~ ; the cuff is made of a flexible openwork structure of a medically acceptable metal such as titanium or a titanium alloy ~~and may be knitted, woven, or have a chain-mail structure or be a thin flexible perforated plate~~ ; the flexible openwork structure may be e.g. manufactured from wire using a knitting, weaving or chainmail type structure.